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COMMODITY SPECIFICATION FOR
DELI-STYLE TURKEY BREAST
AND SMOKED TURKEY BREAST
Dated August 1997

Amendment No.2

This amendment changes the requirement that breast trim meat must be examined before and after size-reduction and clarifies the requirement for the packaged commodity to be placed in the freezer within 48 hours of packing.

1. Section II.B.2.g. is amended by moving the defect requirements outlined in paragraph (1) thru (4) to a new h. on page 5 to read as follows:

"g. Organoleptic requirements. Boneless skinless parts, breast meat, breast trim, and skin will be examined on a continuous basis for the organoleptic requirements shown in Table 1 below. Any product that does not comply with the organoleptic requirements will be rejected for use under this Specification.

h. Defect requirements. Boneless skinless parts, breast meat, breast trim, and skin will be examined for defects on a sampling interval basis.

Breast trim will be examined in accordance with one of the following: Breast trim that is size-reduced using equipment designed to extract and discharge bone, bone-like material, cartilage (gristle), cartilage-like material, or hard tendons or tendinous material, shall be examined for such material *after size-reduction only*, in accordance with II.C.2.a.(2). Breast trim that is ground or desinewed using equipment that is not designed to extract the material listed above shall be examined for the defects in Table 1 *prior to size-reduction only* as stated below. Regardless of the size-reduction system used, breast trim will be examined for skin, blood clots, and discolorations prior to size-reduction.

- (1) A sample of . . . defects.
- (2) Regardless . . . represents.
- (3) If the number . . . level.
- (4) If the sample . . . rejected."

2. Section II.C.1.b. is amended on page 7 to read as follows:

"b. Trim meat.

(1) Breast trim . . . in diameter. Breast trim may be reduced in size by other methods reviewed and found acceptable by supervisory personnel of the Grading Branch, Poultry Division.

(2) Additionally, provided the applicable dimension requirements are met, the plate, screen, or equipment may be designed to extract and discharge bone, bone-like material, cartilage, etc., simultaneously with size-reduction. The system must provide a continuous flow of discharge material during size-reduction. The discharge material may be collected and used in accordance with FSIS policy, but must not be used in the commodity produced under this Specification."

3. The size-reduced breast trim defect requirements in section II.C.2.a.(2) are amended to read as follows:

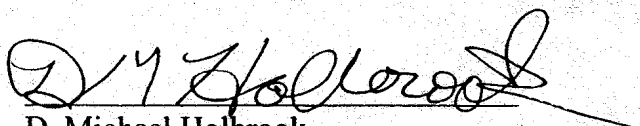
"(2) When an extraction/collection system is used in conjunction with size-reduction (see II.C.1.b.(2)) , a 2-pound sample of size-reduced breast trim will be drawn and examined in the fresh state for the defect requirements listed in Table 2 prior to formulation."

4. Section II.C.12. is amended on page 12 to read as follows:

"12. Freezing. Packaged commodity must be placed in a freezer within 48 hours of packing. The commodity must be frozen by lowering the internal product temperature to 0 °F (-17.8 °C) or lower within 72 hours from the time of entering the freezer. If the commodity is not placed in a freezer immediately after packing, the product must be held at a room temperature not higher than 36 °F (2.2 °C) and not lower than 26 °F (-3.3 °C). When the commodity is held at a room temperature below 26 °F (-3.3 °C), the commodity will be considered to be in a freezer and subject to the 72-hour freezing requirement which begins at the end of the shift the commodity enters the 26 °F (3.3 °C) or lower facility."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective with offers due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C., time, Monday, November 10, 1997, and on all subsequent offers. The words "and Amendment No's. 1 and 2" must be inserted after "the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breast and Smoked Turkey Breast, dated August 1997" in item number 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breast and Smoked Turkey Breast dated August 1997 remain unchanged.


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